

Strange and Wonderful
PRODIGIES:

^{OR,}
A Full and True Relation of *Super-*
natural Sights and Aparitions lately

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Tvvo Great Armies
drawn up in Battalia, and seeming ready
to Engage each other, beheld for some hours, by sever-
al thousands of People: With dreadful Noises
heard, like the discharge of Cannons and
Musquets, accompanied with hideous
Crys and Howlings.

As also a

FIERY-BULLET

Of a most vast Magnitude violently
rushing through the Air, and at last with a most terrible crack
breaking into a thousand pieces, to the unspeakable
Terror of the amazed Spectators.

As it is certified by several persons of quality.

With an Astrological Judgement thereupon.

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PRODIGES

A Full and True Relation of the
Miraculous and Astonishing

WORKS OF GOD

IN

TWO GREAT AMERICAS

AND IN THE ISLANDS OF THE WEST INDIES

AND IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK

AND IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW-JERSEY

IN 1734

FLERY BULLET

OF A MIRACULOUS MAGNET

WHICH ATTRACTS TO ITSELF ALL SORTS OF
METALS AND MINERALS

AND IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE KIND
IN THE WORLD

Printed by G. B. in the Year 1734



Wonderful Prodigies:

OR,

Supernatural Apparitions, &c.

THat there have been strange and unaccountable sights and apparitions many times beheld in the Air, is a truth so well voucht as not to be denied by any, but those obstinate Scepticks, who rather than part with a darling fancy of singularity, care not if they give the Lye to all Antiquity, proclaim the rest of Mankind, Fools or Mad-men, or disbeleive the Testimonies of their own senses: *Josephus* an Historian of unquestion'd fidelity, tells us of a flaming Sword that hung many days over the City of *Jerusalem*: Immediately before it's fatal destruction by *Vespasian*, and 'tis sufficiently known what variety of prodigies proceeded the last most bloody Wars in *Gor-*

many : Certainly the Doctrine of Methors affords but little satisfaction to our inquiries, after the Causes, amazing apparences, Philosophy is nonplust, and gives too lean an account when it tells us of Reflections in watrish Clouds of Exhalations, moist clammy Substances drawn up by the Suns heat, and set on Fire in the upper Region, &c. These may produce an *Ignis Fatuus*, or Jack with the Lantern : A falling Star, some unusual flashings, Coruscations, Mock-moons, and Halo's or Circles about the Sun, and the like : But for those Extraordinary *Phænomena*, we must assign some other adequate Causes, and certainly we shall not Err if we say that Almighty God offended with mens Impiety Exhibites (whether by the Ministry of Angels or otherwise) these strange sights as warnings to admonish them of Severe Judgements impending, unlesse prevented by sincere Repentance and Amendment.

How neer the Kingdom of Poland was, but the other year to the Confines of Ruine, none can be Ignorant, that at all observe the several stones of fate acted on the great Theater of the World, Domestic Factions, and an overbearing Invasion by the Turk had reduc'd that miserable Nation almost to Extremity, being forced (besides an Ignominious tribute) to yeild up and prostitute a large part of their Territories to the Lust of that Insatiate Monster of the East, since that, God has offered those People a Breathing time of peace, and in a great measure abated the Animosities of the Nobles and discontents of the Vulgar, what use they have made of these Mercies, or returns of Gratitude to Heaven we know not : 'Tis certain great deliverances oblige Sinners to suitable acknowledgements and Improvements, which providence seems now to Exact, by

by alarming them with the most dreadful prodigies
that have been heard of in our age. A full and true
account: whereof as it was lately Transmitted to us
in several Letters from thence, be pleased to take as
follows.

On the third of October last past at the Town of
Pasea, and round about for above ten miles distance
from thence, about five of the Clock in the morn-
ing was seen the perfect appearance of two great Ar-
mies in the Air. The Sky was very clear and scarce
a Cloud to be seen above the Horizon. One of the
Armies stood towards the East, the other to the West,
facing each other, both drawn up exactly in Battalia,
and appearing so visibly that the Spectators could
distinguish the Horse and Foot, discern the several
Brigades, and plainly see their Trains of Artillery:
Those that first view'd this strange sight summon their
Neighbours to admire it, and in an hours space peo-
ple are Alarm'd round the Countrey, who get out of
their Beds and Houses, and with trembling behold this
amazing prodigy, which added more to their terror,
when having appeared some time in that posture, as
braving each other, both Armies on a sudden rush
forwards with a Violent motion, and seem'd to meet
and most furiously engage each other, whereupon they
heard whole Vallies of Cannons discharg'd, and peals
of musket shot, continually playing for above an hour,
accompanied all that time with hideous Cries, and
shreeks, howlings, sometimes like the shreeks of Wo-
men or Children, and at other times like that of men
wounded, and giving up their last Breath in Dying
Groans.

This dismal Aerial Conflict continued with much
fury till Sun-rising, both parties being so in-
termixt,

temixt, that it was impossible to distinguish which had the Victory, the whole Heavens appeared of a crimson-dye, and overspread with blood: and the continual Flashes made it seem like the Day of Doom, when the whole World shall become a Prey to the Element of Fire: It is impossible to imagine (much less express) the Consternation of the People, who by thousands stood to behold this wonderful Spectacle, where their eyes and ears Encountred nothing but objects of Terror: At last the Sun being got above the Horizon, caused all these Warlike Phantasms to disappear, and soon after, the noise ceased, and the Heavens put on their former friendly Countenance, which yet cannot wipe out those ruful Characters of Fear, Affrightment, and Dispair, imprinted on the dejected visages of the Spectators by this Prodigy of Horror.

About a week after, at Noon-day, no Cloud, Storm, or Tempest appearing nigh, a most terrible Fiery red hot Bullet was observed by hundreds of people, to pass through the Air a little higher than the tops of their houses, but of a very vast bigness, and making a strange kind of hissing in its passage, yet doing no hurt, but flying so several miles directly East; at last with a mighty noise, as if it would have rent the earth, it burst into a thousand pieces, which flaming and fluttering a while in the Air, vanish.

Several other strange and prodigious lights have lately manifested themselves in divers parts of that Kingdom, the particulars whereof we shall here omit, and only observe that the fore-recited Appearances could not be the vain Chimera's of wanton Fancy, or depraved Conceits of melancholly heads, as
Children

Children fancy they see Castles ; and men , and beasts , and other strange things sometimes in the Clouds , or a bright Fire ; it is impossible such a multitude of people should all be cheated in their senses with one and the same Imagination : nor was it their eyes only , but their ears too had a sufficient share in this prodigious entertainment.

Let us not place God's immediate miraculous Admonitions to the account of common Secondary causes , nor argue against the reality of their Appearance , till we smart under the fury of their Significations , God has two fair Volumes , whereby he reveals his pleasure to the Sons of men , his Word , and his Works ; sometimes he woos us by the one , and sometimes warns us by the other : and those that will neither obey his most profitable Precepts , nor regard his merciful Threatnings , deservedly become Objects of his severe Justice : who then sets up cruel and barbarous Nations (as Rods of his Anger) to scourge them that vainly pride themselves in the Title of Christians , and yet surpass the worst of Heathens in all kinds of Debauchery and Wickedness.

As for the significations of these uncouth Apparences , we say only in the words of the eldest of *Sybil*s---*Calum Mars Solus habebit* : It is observable that the Male-effects of the three last Comets in 1965. are not to this day overpast : The Northern parts of the world have already been sensible of the Disasters thereby menaced : But we fear this cup of trembling must go round , and who knows but the Countries *North* and *North-East* are designed next to pledge it : It is now a hundred years since the famous New-Star in *Cassiopeia* first appear'd to mortals ; and it was the Judgement of the most Learned *Ticho Brahe* that
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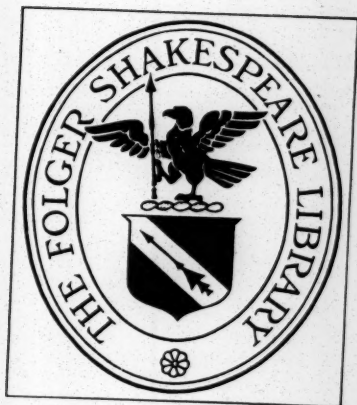
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the Portents thereof would be chiefly visible about such a period of time from thence, and in those very Regions of *Poland, Russia, or Muscovia*: nor do the late frequent oppositions of the two Superiors, *Saturn and Jupiter* imitate less than the Mid-wifing some eminent *Catastrophes* into the World: Those that are acquainted with the *Hermetick* Learning can tell to what Angel the Government of sub-lunaries is most referrible, and the few *vere Adepti*, or Legitimate Sons of Art possess of the true Cabalistical Astrology, unsullied by the vanities of the *Egyptians* and *Arabians*, may give a rational Judgement on such rare Phenomina as these, whilst the vulgar Sciolist flutters in a perblind Ignorance, and does but vend the follies of his frothy brain, instead of the Dictates of Art.

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